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Dr. Fred Stauffer reported on the subject of a banquet for Dr. Salathiel Ewing, who is now receiving treatment in a local hospital. It was moved by Dr. Stauffer that the money received to finance this banquet for our oldest honorary member be donated to Salathiel Ewing by the individuals contributing. Motion carried. The secretary was instructed to receive the contributions of all members willing to so divert their donations in this manner.

California Association of Physiotherapists (reported by Beret Stenvig, local secretary)—The uses of the mercury quartz lamp formed the subject of the meeting of the San Francisco branch of the California Association of Physiotherapists held on December 10 in the Medical building.

Dr. B. F. Deering spoke on its use in children's diseases, giving reports and conclusions on his work at the children's clinic at University of California Hospital. Bronchial conditions, asthma and undernourished children were among the cases which he stressed as showing interesting results from the use of the mercury quartz lamp. During the course of the treatments in all cases a close check is kept on these three points: weight, appetite, and relief of symptoms. A marked increase in weight and appetite has been gained in almost all cases. The general experience has been an improvement of symptoms after six or eight weeks of treatment. While no permanent and definite cures under the quartz lamp treatment have yet been established with asthma, there has been a decrease in the severity of the attacks and a decrease in the number of colds. His conclusion is that the mercury quartz lamp assists very materially in building up the child's resistance, a factor of great value in combating conditions of that type.

Miss Beulah Rader of the Marine Hospital, with a wide experience and a variety of patients from which to draw her conclusions, talked on quartz lamp technique and gave case reports on patients treated with the lamp.

The meeting of January 14 was devoted to a symposium on arthritis, with the discussion from three different standpoints. Dr. William J. Kerr spoke from the medical standpoint, Dr. H. H. Markel from the orthopedic, and Dr. Thomas J. Crowley from the electrotherapeutic.

Dr. Kerr gave a wide and interesting classification of the various types of arthritis with the medical treatments indicated. In addition, the treatment consists in seeking any foci of infection and removing it if possible, increasing the nutrition if underweight, and reducing if overweight.

Dr. Markel, in speaking from the orthopedic standpoint, gave detailed descriptions of all the various casts and methods of applying for inducing immobilization of a joint to relieve the pain. He also described some operative procedures where such were indicated and the methods and positions for ankylosing a joint when such was desired.

Dr. Markel and Dr. Kerr were of the same opinion, that physiotherapy, in the form of heat, massage and manipulations, was of great value in the treatment of arthritis after the stage of acute inflammation and pain had passed, to increase the nutrition of the tissues and prevent deformities and ankylosis. Dr. Markel emphasized the fact that physiotherapy in such cases should be employed with care and that manipulations preferably be given once only during the treatment and as much within the limits of pain as possible.

Dr. Crowley gave a different slant on the subject by discussing diathermy and galvanism. Both are given only after the chronic stage is reached. Diathermy is given daily for one-half hour, its benefits being in a hyperemia within the joint which results in increased metabolism. With galvanism, the effects are chemical. The positive pole is usually used because it is sedative in action and will introduce chemicals into the body at a given point. Along with this treatment he stressed the importance of accelerated elimination.

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Washoe County Medical Society (reported by Henry Albert, secretary)—The Washoe County Medical Society met in regular session in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce January 13, 1925, President Vinton A. Muller presiding.

Program—Henry Albert presented a paper on "The Newer Knowledge Relative to the Etiology and Prevention of Scarlet Fever." He discussed especially the Dick test and immunization by means of toxin of the specific streptococcus. The paper was discussed by Tees, Morrison, Pickard, Lewis, and Robinson.

J. A. Fuller presented a paper on "The removal of Foreign Bodies From the Eye." In addition to the common forms of foreign bodies, he emphasized especially certain ones of local Nevada interest, such as sawdust and cactus spines. The paper was discussed by Robinson, Barrows, and Brown.

H. J. Brown presented a paper on "Post-Operative Treatment." Emphasis was placed on enemas instead of purging doses of castor oil. The treatment of shock, paralytic ileus and retention of urine was also considered. The paper was discussed by Lewis, Caples, and Bath.

Unfinished Business—Dr. M. A. Robison mentioned what progress was made in securing data as to the value of the work done under the Sheppard-Towner Act. He also stated that the defects in the hospital bill which passed the last legislature, but which was declared unconstitutional, had been remedied, and that the corrected bill would be again introduced in the coming session of the legislature.

New Business—The following visiting staff (to serve for one year) for the State Hospital was appointed by the president: Donald MacLean, surgeon; S. K. Morrison, physician; J. L. Robinson, otologist and rhinologist; C. E. Piersall, roentgenologist; W. L. Samuels and M. A. Robison, anesthetists.

Attendance—Members: Albert, Barrows, Bath, Brown, Caples, DaCosta, Fuller, Lewis, Morrison, Muller, Pickard, Piersall, Robinson, Robison, Servoss, and Tees. Guest: Professor Peter Franss.

New Committees of Nevada Medical Association (reported by C. E. Piersall, associate editor)—The following appointments were recently made by the president-elect of the Nevada State Medical Association:

Membership—B. Brown, Yerington; A. C. Olmsted, Wells; C. C. Bullette, Las Vegas.

Judicial—M. A. Robison, Reno; R. A. Bowdle, Ely; A. J. Hood, Elko; A. R. Craig, Tonopah; Horace J. Brown, Reno.

Scientific Work and Program—V. A. Muller, Reno; J. C. Ferrell, Fallon; A. Huffaker, Carson City.

Necrology—Mary H. Fulstone, Smith; Donald Maclean, Reno.

Council—S. K. Morrison, Reno; A. L. Stadtherr, Reno; Hal L. Hewetson, Las Vegas; P. D. McLeod, Tonopah; J. T. Reese, Yerington; William Brennen, Eureka; William Howell, Gardnerville; Charles E. Sweezy, Winnemucca; F. M. West, Lovelock; M. J. Rand, Ely; William Riley, Gold Hill.

Entertainment—C. E. Secor, Elko; W. A. Shaw, Elko; J. R. Eby, Elko.

Public Health and Education—Henry Albert, Reno; W. A. Shaw, Elko; M. R. Walker, Reno.

Military Affairs—The president, vice-president, and secretary.